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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJECT: KOLWEZI EVACUATION

REF: STATE 127568

1. OUR CONSULTATIONS HERE WITH BELGIAN, FRENCH AND BRITISH AMBASSADORS ON ORIGINAL IDEA OF SINGLE LETTER FROM MOBUTU TO ALL FOUR OF US REVEALED WIDELY DIVERGENT VIEWS ON HOW TO PROCEED. IN FACT, SINCE THAT TIME WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM MOBUTU; BELGIAN AMBASSADOR HAS UNDERTAKEN EXCHANGE OF NOTES WITH GOZ FOREIGN MINISTRY; BRITISH ARE INCLINED TO GO SIMILAR ROUTE; AND FRENCH, FOR TIME BEING, SEEM TO FEEL THEY NEED NOTHING IN WRITING. WE DO NOT BELIEVE FULLY COORDINATED POSITION IS LIKELY TO BE ACHIEVED, AT LEAST NOT WITHOUT EXTENSIVE TIME-CONSUMING CONSULTATIONS. MOREOVER, BELGIAN AND FRENCH CONCEPTS OF KOLWEZI OPERATION, INsofar AS REFLECTED HERE BY THEIR AMBASSADORS, ARE QUITE DIFFERENT. BRITISH, MEANWHILE, DO NOT SEEM TOO ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT BEING IDENTIFIED WITH OPERATION IN MORE THAN MARGINAL WAY.

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2. I DO NOT BELIEVE MOBUTU INTENDS TO MAKE LETTER PUBLIC, NOR CAN I PREDICT HIS REACTION TO THE IDEA. I DID NOT MENTION POSSIBILITY WHEN DISCUSSING IT WITH HIM. IF WE REALLY HAVE TO GO PUBLIC RIGHT AWAY, I SUGGEST I ASK HIS PERMISSION FOR USG TO RELEASE TEXT. THIS WOULD CERTAINLY BE FASTEST AND WOULD AVOID POLITICAL EMBELLISHMENT GOZ MIGHT TRY TO ADD HERE. IN THE EVENT HE PREFERS TO MAKE RELEASE HIMSELF, I WOULD SIMPLY DO MY BEST TO

EXPEDITE MATTER.

3. I ALSO SUGGEST WE INFORM BELGIAN AND FRENCH GOVERNMENTS OF OUR INTENTION TO RELEASE LETTER. BELIEVE THIS SHOULD BE DONE IN VIEW OF LETTER'S REFERENCES TO BOTH GOVERNMENTS, WHICH FROM CONSULTATIONS HERE THEY ARE AWARE RESULTED FROM OUR SUGGESTED TEXT TO MOBUTU. IN DOING THIS, BELIEVE WE SHOULD OFFICIALLY CONVEY TO THEM THE TEXT, AND PERHAPS TO UK AS WELL. (IDEA OF INDUCING MOBUTU TO INCLUDE REFERENCE TO UK IN RELEASING LETTER DOES NOT SEEM TO US FEASIBLE.)

4. RE GOZ NOTIFICATION TO UNSC, WHEN SHOWN TEXT STATE 126064, OTHER AMBASSADORS HERE ALL AGREED MATTER OF THIS NATURE WOULD REQUIRE FULL INSTRUCTIONS FROM THEIR GOVERNMENT. AGAIN, WE WONDER WHETHER UK WILL WANT TO GET INVOLVED. CUTLER

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